# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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Technical Training to Agricultural Workers
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to impart technical training to agricultural workers for horticulture development in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented during XII Plan w.e.f. 2014-15, for holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, root and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa and bamboo. Mission subsumes National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan States (HMNEH), National Bamboo Mission (NBM), National Horticulture Board (NHB), Coconut Development Board (CDB) and Central Institute for Horticulture (CIH), Nagaland. All States including Himalayan states and UTs are covered under MIDH.

Under Human Resource Development (HRD) component of MIDH we support training and skill development which create employment generation opportunities for rural youth in horticulture and post harvest management. Capacity buildings of farmers and technicians are also provided for adopting improved technologies, through existing institutions like State Agriculture Universities, Krishi Vigyan Kendras, institutes with Department of Horticulture in States.

Rural youth and farmers including field level agricultural workers are imparted training under various farming techniques for horticulture crops, mushroom, floriculture, beekeeping, protected cultivation, micro irrigation, post harvest management etc. The duration of training of farmers is 2-5 days.

(b): Statement indicating Year wise and State wise funds released, expenditure and farmers trained under MIDH is given at Annexure.